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WHITES' CHAPEL M. E.-----WOODROW

The people of this community were formerly members of West Union Church on Stony Creek. Rev. W. A. Grogg held a revival. Later Howard Underwood and W. T. Hogsett also held a revival and quite a large class was formed. When a new school house was built the Board of Education sold this old school house and the deed was given on October 20, 1919 between the Board of Education of Edray District, Pocahontas County, a corporation, and James^{Jr.} White and Auth White his wife parties of the first part, and Lloyd VanReenan, Elmer Baxter, John Galford, Owen Mellison, and J. A. Arbogast, trustees for Whites' chapel of the M. E. Church of the West Virginia Conference. The parties of the first part do hereby sell, grant and convey unto the parties of the second part all of their rights, titles and interests in and to the lot on which the Laurel Creek school house now stands containing one half acre. It is understood, however, that the Board of Education hereby reserve the right, should necessity require, to use said building for school purposes for the period of three years, without any compensation to the parties of the second part. The Board of Education also reserves from this conveyance, all furniture and fixtures now in said building which were purchased by said Board and have been used for school purposes.

As soon as this building had been purchased, Luther McNeill and William Shoemaker took a contract for \$325. and converted it into a church. It was dedicated by G. Sampson under the pastorate of Rev. M. H. Ramsey who served the Edray circuit from 1916 to 1920.

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it larger.

M. H. Skaggs is the present pastor. He preaches at this church once a month, but there is a very small class with only around 20 enrolled in the S. S. There is no S. S. at all in the winter, so there is some talk of again uniting it with West Union.

The Stewards are Lloyd VanReenan, Andrew Galford, and Edith VanReenan. Trustees, Lloyd VanReenan, Elmer Baxter and Andrew Galford. Lloyd Woods is the class leader. Teachers- Lloyd Woods, Lloyd VanReenan and Edith VanReenan, and Andrew Galford is the Supt. So you see there are only a few to carry on the work. Seems to me it was really a mistake to have built it in the first place as it is only a mile or so from West Union and it is about as easy to go to West Union as to Whites Chapel.

The Edray circuit consists of the following churches:

1. Edray
2. Whites Chapel
3. West Union
4. Swago
5. Marys Chapel
6. Slaty Fork
7. Mt. Pleasant
8. Hamline Chapel
9. Campbelltown